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In re Patent Application of:
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METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THEM

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez, Ph.D.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS

Dear Sir:

Responsive to this second non-final Office action on the merits, mail date of January 29, 2007 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due April 29, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for two months to June 29, 2007.

Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter
- Petition for two months extension of time.